

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A rollbar apparatus for a vehicle body for protecting occupants of the vehicle body, said rollbar apparatus comprising:

a hoop;

said hoop including:

an inner leg having a first and second extremity;

an outer leg having a first and second zone, said outer leg being spaced relative to said inner leg;

a further hoop spaced relative to said hoop;

said further hoop including:

a further inner leg disposed adjacent to said inner leg of said hoop, said further inner leg having a further first and further second extremity;

a further outer leg spaced relative to said further inner leg said further outer leg having a further first and further second zone;

said first extremity of said inner leg and said further first extremity of said further inner leg being supported adjacent to the vehicle body; and

a joining member having a first and second end, said joining member extending between said inner leg and said further inner leg,

a support leg attached to said first extremity of said inner leg,

a further support leg attached to said further first extremity of said further inner leg.

said support leg and said further support leg located adjacent and approximately parallel to a first and a second side respectively of a driveshaft tunnel,

so that in the event of an accident, said hoops of said rollbar apparatus assist in protecting the occupants of the vehicle from injury.

2. (Original) The rollbar apparatus of claim 1 wherein; said joining member is supported by the vehicle body.

3. (Original) The rollbar apparatus of claim 2 wherein; said joining member is removably attached to the vehicle body such that attachment of said roll bar apparatus is permitted.

4. (Original) The rollbar apparatus of claim 1 wherein said joining member includes:

an upper joining member;

a lower joining member disposed below said upper joining member.

5. (Original) The rollbar apparatus of claim 4 wherein;

said upper and said lower joining members are removably attached to each other.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) The rollbar apparatus as set forth in claim 6 1 where said

support leg is contacting the vehicle body.

8. (Currently Amended) The rollbar apparatus as set forth in claim 7 where said support

leg is removably attached to ~~the vehicle body~~ said sides of said driveline tunnel.

9. (Currently Amended) The rollbar apparatus as set forth in claim 7 where said support

leg is removably attached to the floor of the vehicle body adjacent to said

driveline tunnel.

10. (Currently Amended) The rollbar apparatus of claim 1 wherein said joining member further includes: a saddle attached to said joining member, said saddle comprising;

a said support leg located adjacent to a said driveshaft tunnel of said vehicle;
a said further support leg located on the opposite side of said driveshaft tunnel;
and said saddle contacting the vehicle body.

11. (Currently Amended) The rollbar apparatus of claim 10 wherein;

said saddle is removably attached to the vehicle body immediately adjacent to the sides of said driveshaft tunnel, such that attachment of said roll bar apparatus is permitted.

12. (Currently Amended) The rollbar apparatus of claim 10 wherein;

said saddle is removably attached to the floor of the vehicle body immediately adjacent to said driveshaft tunnel such that attachment of said roll bar apparatus is permitted.

13. (Original) The rollbar apparatus of claim 10 wherein;

said saddle is removably attached to said joining member such that attachment of said saddle is permitted.

14 (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A rollbar apparatus for a vehicle body for protecting occupants of the vehicle body, said rollbar apparatus comprising:

a hoop;

said hoop including:

an inner leg having a first and second extremity;

an outer leg having a first and second zone, said outer leg being spaced relative to said inner leg;

a further hoop spaced relative to said hoop;

said further hoop including:

a further inner leg disposed adjacent to said inner leg of said hoop, said further inner leg having a further first and further second extremity;

a further outer leg spaced relative to said further inner leg said further outer leg having a further first and further second zone;

said first extremity of said inner leg and said further first extremity of said further inner leg being supported adjacent to the vehicle body; and

a joining member having a first and second end, said joining member extending between said inner leg and said further inner leg,

said hoop further includes:

_____ a top portion;

_____ said top portion being disposed between said second extremity of said inner leg and said second zone of said outer leg;

_____ a hoop brace secured to said top portion of said hoop and extending between said top portion and the vehicle body;

_____ said further hoop further includes:

_____ a further top portion disposed between said further second extremity of said further inner leg and said further second zone of said further outer leg;

_____ a further hoop brace secured to said further top portion of said further hoop and extending between said further top portion and the vehicle body,

an inner leg brace having a first and a second edge;

said first edge of inner leg brace connected to said inner leg, and said second edge of inner leg brace connected to said hoop brace;

a further inner leg brace having a further first and further second edge;

said further first edge connected to said further inner leg, and said further second edge connected to said further hoop brace;

so that in the event of an accident said inner leg brace and said further inner leg brace of said rollbar apparatus assists in protecting the occupants of the vehicle from injury.

17. (Withdrawn)

18. (Original) A rollbar apparatus for a vehicle body for protecting occupants of the vehicle body, said rollbar apparatus comprising:

a hoop;

said hoop including:

an inner leg having a first and second extremity;

an outer leg having a first and second zone, said outer leg being spaced relative to said inner leg;

a top portion disposed between said second extremity of said inner leg and said second zone of said outer leg;

a hoop brace secured to said top portion of said hoop and extending between said top portion and the vehicle body;

an inner leg brace having a first and a second edge;

said first edge of said inner leg brace connected to said inner leg, and said second edge of said inner leg brace connected to said hoop brace;

a further hoop spaced relative to said hoop;

said further hoop including:

a further inner leg having a further first and further second extremity;

a further outer leg having a further first and further second zone;

said further outer leg being spaced relative to said further inner leg;

a further top portion disposed between said further second extremity of said further inner leg and said further second zone of said further outer leg;

said first extremity of said inner leg and said further first extremity of said further inner leg being supported adjacent to the vehicle body;

a further hoop brace secured to said further top portion of said further hoop and extending between said further top portion and the vehicle body;

a further inner leg brace having a further first edge and further second edge; and

said further first edge of said further inner leg brace connected to said further inner leg, and said further second edge of said further inner leg brace being connected to said further hoop brace, so that in the event of an accident, said hoops, said hoop braces, and said inner leg braces of said rollbar apparatus assist in protecting the occupants of the vehicle from injury.